I recently spent two days out of the school to attend a central induction for newly appointed principals. Aside from the professional development this offered, the greatest take-away from the event was the reflection on what a great group of students, staff and wider community exists at Pilton State School! We have been working hard at school to provide students with a quality education and have been very happy to see the recent results demonstrating continued improvement in student learning.

International Women’s Day
I would like to take the opportunity provided by International Women’s Day this week, to thank the wonderful staff of Pilton State School for the effort that goes into both the education and the support they give to the students of the Pilton State School. It is a testament to all our staff that the school continues to provide a great education to students while maintaining the positive and supportive environment that we all value and enjoy. The women at our school all are very passionate about their roles in education, are role models to our students and I am grateful to have the opportunity to work with them.

School Leaders 2016 – Presentation Morning this Friday
Please come along and join us if you can from 9:00-10:30am tomorrow for the presentation morning for our school leaders. It is a great opportunity for our Year 6 students to publicly make some positive affirmation about the type of individuals that they are choosing to be as they grow up and take on this leadership role in our school. If you are able to join us and can bring a plate to share for morning tea with our school leaders and the playgroup families, that would be great.

Also, I will be taking the Year 6 students to the Young Leader’s Day at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Monday the 14th of March. We will be meeting at the school at 6:30am and pickup upon our return will be 5:00pm.

Please let me know if there are any difficulties with these timings and we will try and resolve any issues, however we can.

Trash Ya Hair for Hospice Care
A part of the Year 6 school leaders’ role in the school is to assist in fundraising activities for charity within the school. Our first of these activities for the year will be in the last week of this term on Wednesday the 23rd March when we will be holding a free dress and crazy hair day for all students (and staff.) We will still be conducting business as usual for the majority of the day, but will take some time first up in the morning to ensure that everyone has the chance to participate and talk about the importance of the role that organisations like the Toowoomba Hospice have in our community.

Pilton State School Triathlon Challenge!
We have been in consultation with the Clifton Police and the Toowoomba Regional Council and have the necessary arrangements with them to conduct our triathlon challenge from 9:00-10:30am on the last day of term. For the run leg, we will be using the ‘fun run’ track that the younger students usually run for Central Downs Cross Country. We will be posting sentries at either end and along one side of the road for the ride leg from school to Mrs. Duggan’s pool, which she has kindly offered to make available for this event. We will have qualified supervision at the pool for students to swim (or use assistance as required) to complete the swim leg before riding back to school. The event will be timed and last for 60 minutes with students just completing as many laps as they can. I must admit, that I have not yet been flooded with volunteers for a parents’ / teachers’ team to compete against the students, so if anyone is keen to have a go at this please let me know! We will require assistance with the provision of flashing orange lights for 2 vehicles, sentries or supervision on this day so, again, if you can help in this regard would you also let me know.

If anyone has any other questions or queries about this event please come and see me when you have the chance.
Playgroup News
It was great to see the playgroup picking up an award at the Clifton Show for their biscuits. I would like to say a special thank-you to Miss Stewart for the efforts that she goes to in order to organise playgroup each week. Her positive influence on all the students in the school is immense. I would also like to thank the parents and grandparents that have attended playgroup so far this year for the effort they have made in participating… and the great food that they share! Please don’t underestimate the valuable contribution that you are making to your children’s successful transition to school and to their readiness for learning by attending playgroup.

Next week, the playgroup are invited to join us at the Ramsay State School if they wish to attend the ‘Women in History Performance.’ This will be the last playgroup activity for the term due to the Easter Friday public holiday in the last week. The first Friday back at school after the Easter holidays is the Central Downs Cross Country so playgroup will resume its normal form again in week 2 of next term.

Great Results for Pilton Sports Stars
It was wonderful to receive the news that four of our students in the 10-12 years age group were recently selected to represent the Central Downs in either Netball or Soccer after their successful performance in the recent trials. Well done Georgie, Katelyn, Natasha and Stewart. All the students who tried out can be proud of the ‘Strong and Willing’ attitude they displayed by putting themselves forward for selection and it is wonderful to have so many students from our small school succeeding in making respective teams. I have been very happy with the participation in sporting activity at school so far this year, and look forward to many more examples of Pilton State School ‘punching above its weight’ in 2016.

All the best,
Jon Robertson

EASTER EXCHANGE 2016
The P-2 are currently participating in an Easter exchange with 24 other schools around the state. The students have been assigned a school and have made Easter gifts for them and also written a letter about Pilton and our area. The letters have started arriving this week from other schools and the children are very excited. As each child receives their letter from their school, we are mapping them onto the state of Queensland.
Please come in and have a look at our gifts and see where they have come from in Queensland.
Regards,

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

CLIFTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Temporary Teacher Aide – Special Education Program
15 hours per week - plus ADO
Monday, Wednesday & Friday

DURATION: 11th April 2016 – 9th December 2016
CLOSING DATE: 17th March 2016

Clifton SHS is seeking a highly motivated and flexible Teacher Aide to support our students with diverse learning needs. This position is Temporary Part Time – 15 hours per week, plus ADO – on Monday’s, Wednesday’s and Fridays – with the possibility of some additional hours/days as needed.
Coming Events

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**Tenders Invited**

The agreement for the removal of school rubbish, presently being done by the P&C, must be renewed annually. Therefore the school is now calling for tenders to provide this service. Rubbish would need to be taken to the dump twice weekly during term time. Tenders should be sealed in an envelope and should arrive at the school office by:

10 a.m. Thursday 24 March, 2016

Address:
Private and Confidential - Tender Enclosed
The Principal
Pilton State School
24 Pilton Valley Road
PILTON QLD 4361

For further information, please contact the school office. The lowest, or any tender may not necessarily be accepted.

Thank you,
Madonna

**Happy Birthday!!**

Mr Healy 15th, Jordan 21st and
Mrs Heaton on the 22nd March.

**Clifton Catholic Debutante Ball**

*Flower girls / Pageboys:* Parents of Year 3 or Year 4 children are advised that the Clifton Debutante Ball will be held on FRIDAY MAY 20, 2016.

If you are interested in being a part of the Ball this year please contact Helen Gillam (46973571) or Hilary O’Leary (46959199) by March 11. Night time is best to call.

Please be aware that it may incur costs of up to $200 (for dress, shoes, photos, hire of suit etc.).

If there are Year 10 / 11 girls wishing to be debutantes please contact the above numbers.

**BULB ORDERS**

are due on Monday 14th March.
Hi everyone,

We have a P & C meeting next Tuesday 15th March at 6.00pm at the school. At this meeting, we will discuss our fundraising for the year amongst other agenda items. It would be great to see as many parents and community members there as possible.

I would like to thank the Ranger family for the soil they provided for the school gardens. It is wonderful to see our community volunteers again this year, thank you for your time and dedication, it is much appreciated.

Have a nice weekend,

Jacqui

PILTON LOTTERY:
We are getting closer to the next round of the Pilton Lottery…. Just a reminder that the cost is only $10 for a 5 week draw. This is a great FUNDRAISER for our school, but the benefit is you too could WIN! Each week, $45 is won by someone in our local community. Here are lucky 31 who are waiting for the draw to start….. there are 14 numbers left!!!
Janette Frahm x 2
Luke Statham
Barry Field
Rebekah Turkington
Trevor Ward x 4
Gary Wormington
Madonna Bell
Cameron Cooke
Simon Gill
Duggan Family
Charles Holloway
Betty Murphy
Joan Field
Brett Turkington
Brooke Stepanoff
Deb Stewart x 2
Amy Tait
Sally Shine
Gill Family
Jacqui Gill
Liz Holloway

SCHOOL SHIRTS:
Thanks to the parents and staff who have paid for their Pilton SS shirts. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or direct deposit…. cash or cheque into a named envelope into the P&C box OR direct bank transfer using the P&C account information below. (if you would like to send me an email after you have done a bank transfer, I’m happy to check and let you know by return email. Rebekah Turkington: rturk5@eq.edu.au

FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION & PICNIC DAY CONTRIBUTIONS:
The invoices for this years subscription and contributions have been sent home. Thanks again to the families who have paid already, receipts are on their way home to you. If anyone is keen to make part payments, please contact me and we can assist with this.

Kind regards,

Rebekah Turkington

Please make cheques payable to: Pilton State School P&C
For EFT payments:
BSB: 084 610
Account Name: Pilton State School P&C
Account Number: 508 683 666
We have begun work on our Hermitage Plant Science Competition.

Thank you to Mr. Chris Bazley for coming to talk to us about Pulse crops.

We have our journals ready to enter the observations we make of our plants as they grow.

In Mrs Bazley’s Y3-6 science class today we had to build a Lander. We had to build it so we could put an egg in it, drop it off the veranda and safely land the egg on the ground below. It was so much fun and some of the eggs survived.

Sporting Schools Improving our tennis skills with Sarah. Notice our interested spectator.